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On May 5th, at Shanghai, the wife of
JOHN McGILLIVRAY, of a son.
On May 5th, at Shanghai to Mr. and
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 11TH, 1912.

THE deadlock in the negotiations for the
International Loan to China still continues,
but the news that the Premier, Mr. T'ANG
SHAO-YI, has retired from the negotiations
and that the new Minister of Finance, Mr.
HSUN HSI LING, has been invested with
full powers to re-open negotiations with the
bankers, means apparently that the dead-
lock is to be broken, that the demands of
the bankers as to supervision and inspection
will be conceded; that the new Minister of
Finance will shoulder the responsibility, and
that the Premier, who has resolutely refused
to afford the guarantees of safety the bankers
required, will thus "save face." That would
seem to be the reading of the present situa-
tion. China is in urgent need of the money
and the vital necessity of the loan is the
justification for the belief that an adjust-
ment will soon be reached. We gather
that although the President, in the recent
speech he made to the Advisory Council in
regard to the financial condition of the
country, publicly recognised the necessity
for employing trained and experienced
foreign experts, the Premier has been
resisting the appointment of a Financial
Adviser, and has declared that if the Inter-
national Syndicate will not put at China's
disposal the means needed, he could get the
money elsewhere. It would appear that a

majority of the Cabinet are in favour of a
series of small loans, sufficient to meet the
emergency. Then there are those who be-
lieve that all the money the Government
needs could be raised in China by appealing
to the patriotism of the people—in other
words, by using the demands made by the
Bankers' Syndicate to create an anti-foreign
agitation. For our part we are inclined to
think that the Government cannot appeal
to the people for any large sum of money
with much hope of success. In the last six
or eight months they have contributed
handsomely towards "The Cause." In the
aggregate a very large sum must have been
given with no idea of its ever being regard-
ed as a Government interest-bearing loan.
The Chinese people have done in this way
about as much as can be reasonably expect-
ed of them, and when it is proposed to ask
them to purchase Government loan bonds
they will doubtless be found equally as
reluctant as the foreign banks to part with
their capital before they are thoroughly
satisfied of the safety of the investment.
This is well understood at Peking, and
will explain the interesting report that the
Chinese in Government circles in Peking
are discussing among themselves a forced
tax! It would be laughable were it not so
tragic. We do not suppose for one moment
that such an amazing act of folly would be
countenanced by the President and his
Cabinet, but when we get such an idea pro-
mulgated in the political circles of the
Capital it throws a flood of light on the
obstacles to progress imposed by the politi-
cal ignorance which so widely prevails. A
forced tax is quite out of the question. One
of the first results of the revolution the
people have expected is a remission of
taxation. To attempt to raise by a forced
contribution the large sum the Government
needs in order to discharge its liabilities
and to lay the foundations of reform and
solid progress would simply create turmoil
and strife throughout the country and add
immensely to the already overwhelming
difficulties of the Government. There seems
no hope for China without foreign capital,
and the opposition which very naturally
exists towards any foreign control of
finances has to be conciliated. As Sir EDWARD
GEAR recently declared in the House of
Commons, nobody wishes to infringe the
independence of China, but if China desires
to borrow money it is for the lenders and
the governments concerned to fix the con-
ditions with a view of affording proper
security. The President of the Republic of
China publicly declared only last week that
"there are at present very few of our people
who are financial experts, and such as we
have are lacking in experience." Add to
this the sense of insecurity engendered by
the stories of speculation with which the
Treasury records of China must abound,
and we have all the justification needed for
the resolute attitude taken by the Inter-
national Syndicate of bankers on the question
of foreign supervision. A foreign board
exercising supervision over the finances of
China for a generation would be the
soundest guarantee the nation could have
of steady progress and prosperity.

Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard landed
at Plymouth on the 19th inst. from Hong-
kong and proceeded to London.

At the Magistracy yesterday a Chinese
was sentenced to one month's imprison-
ment and four hours' in the stocks for
snatching from a woman at Causeway
Bay.

A watchman employed by the S.C.M.
Post was at the Magistracy yesterday
convicted of having been asleep on duty
and was fined \$10 or fourteen days' in
prison.

News was received in Shanghai last
week of the death of Mrs. B. G. Holt,
which occurred at San Francisco on
April 4th. Mrs. Holt was well-known in
Shanghai as the wife of the former agent
of the Pacific Mail there.

An interesting experiment is being
tried at the Bijou Scenic Theatre. The
vaudeville side of the programme has
been eliminated, and the entertainment is
now purely cinematograph, but the
pictures are of the best. Those who are
fond of motion pictures are invited to
give their support to the innovation. The
prices of admission have also been re-
duced, which ought to tend to the
popularity of the entertainment.

The water return dated May 1st is
interesting, as showing that the storage
in the five reservoirs in Hongkong
amount to 254,397,000 gallons as against
204,094,000 at the same period last year,
while in Kowloon the storage amounts to
223,940,000 gallons as against 205,520,000
gallons at the same time last year. The
consumption per head in the city and
hill district was 18.3 as against 16.8 last
year, and in Kowloon it was 11.1 per
head as against 8.0.

Mr. J. Quinn, steward of the Hong-
kong Club, who is leaving for Home to-
day, was presented at the Police Club
last night with a purse of sovereigns
subscribed for by friends in the Colony.

R. G. Knowles and his talented com-
pany gave a most enjoyable entertainment
last night to a good house. The stories
and the patter of the great "R.G." kept
everybody in roars of laughter, and those
who need a tonic should not miss the
opportunity of hearing him.

The following paragraph appears in
the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 4th inst.:—
"Miss M. Monteith, of 22 North So-
chow Road, asks us to mention that she
is not the Marian Monteith mentioned
in last night's issue as having been
charged at Hongkong with having
obtained money by false pretences at
Shanghai."

At Bow-street Police Court on 10th ult.
Count Andor Festetics, 28, a Hungarian
subject, giving an address in Piccadilly,
was brought before Mr. Marshum for
extradition on a charge of committing
fraud in Belgium. The Magistrate
agreed to allow bail in £4,000, and Mr.
Henry Bush, a retired banker and a con-
cession owner in China, staying at the
Hotel Cecil, was accepted as surety in
that sum.

The Japanese contestants in the great
Olympic Games, to be held at Stockholm
at the end of June and beginning of July,
will leave Tokyo on the 16th May and
expect to arrive in Sweden on the 1st of
June. The chosen athletes are Mr.
Yahiko Mishima, brother of Viscount
Mishima, President of the Specie Bank,
and a student of Tokyo Imperial Uni-
versity, and Mr. S. Kanaguri, a student of
the Higher Normal School. They will be
accompanied by Mr. Hyozo Omori, who
has made arrangements to take cine-
matograph pictures of the races in which
the students will take part, for exhibition
in Japan. These races are the Marathon
and the 400 metres. Mishima made this
distance in 59 seconds at Handeda some
time ago, but with practice he reduced
the time to 50 seconds. The world's re-
cord is 48 seconds. The fortunes of the
young athletes will be eagerly followed in
Japan and, indeed, over the whole world.
—*The Far East*.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

C.C.C. v. CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

This tennis league fixture will be
played this afternoon at 5 p.m., on the C.C.C.
ground.

The following will represent the
C.C.C.:—H. H. Taylor, G. A. Hancock,
L.A. Rose, R. Phillips, J. V. Braga, and
R. A. Carvalho.

THE "GREAT RAYMOND" SUED.

Last Saturday night at Raymond's per-
formance in the Theatre Royal a man,
responding to Raymond's invitation, was
handcuffed and succeeded in liberating
himself from one. The conjurer declared
that the handcuffs had not been properly
locked. The other, however, claimed the
£100 which Raymond had promised to
anyone who succeeded in liberating him-
self from the handcuffs. Apparently, the
matter has not been settled, and legal
proceedings have been instituted.

In the Summary Jurisdiction of the
Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. P. W.
Goldring, rising before the list was
opened, said—I have a case in which I
appear for the defendant, who is leaving
on Monday or Sunday week. If your
Lordship will give us Wednesday, it will
suit, I think. My friend, Mr. Harris,
appears for the plaintiff. Perhaps I am
not in order in rising first, but my client
is leaving on Monday week and is not
likely to come back again.

Mr. Harris—Will your Lordship fix
next Wednesday.

His Lordship—Will it take all day?

Mr. Goldring—I think so, my Lord.

Wednesday was fixed for the hearing.

The claim against Raymond was by
Henry A. Law for \$1,000.

A JOURNEY THROUGH WESTERN CHINA.

POPPY CULTIVATION IN KANSU.

A correspondent at Peking, cabling on
the 10th ult. said:—

A telegram received from Lanchow,
the capital of Kansu province, announces
the safe arrival there on Tuesday, after
a peaceful journey from the New Domini-
on, of Major Pereira, formerly Military
Attaché at Peking, who for a year past
has been travelling continuously in Mon-
golia, Chinese Turkestan, and the New
Dominion.

The telegram states that Major Pereira
found that the poppy had been replanted
throughout the province.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HOME RULE BILL.

SECOND READING CARRIED.

LONDON, May 10th.

The debate on the Home Rule Bill in
the House of Commons was resumed
yesterday.

Mr. John Redmond said that under-
lying all the arguments against the
bill was the assumption that all parties
under the new treaty would be animated by
bad feeling and malice instead of a desire
to make the best of things. Why should
this malicious folly be attributed to Irish-
men when it was never committed by any
other section of the Empire to which home
rule had been granted? It would be Ire-
land's highest interest to safeguard her
constitution, work it with moderation
and success, and for the first time in her
history to do the utmost to promote the
unity and prosperity of the Empire. He
believed that all the old party divisions
would quickly disappear, and that respon-
sibility would have a steady and
moderating effect on men of all political
views. Nationalists, both in Ireland and in
America and in the dominions, accepted
the bill as a final settlement. From the
viewpoint of foreign policy and military
strength the bill was the most urgent step
that could be taken to safeguard Britain's
future, to ensure the solidarity of the
empire, and to remove every obstacle in
the way of a natural understanding with
the great English-speaking republic.

Mr. Russell said the Protestants of
Southern Ireland were prepared to ac-
quiesce in Home Rule, but the growing
minority in Ulster was opposed to it. He
ridiculed the notion that Ulster would
fight.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour M.P.,
sympathised with the religious pre-
judices of the Protestants in Ulster,
but the Protestant workers there were
beginning to discover that the present
agitation was more economic than reli-
gious. The Belfast ascendancy new-
days was over. Labour and not over
Catholics. The Bill would strip the veil
from the enemies of Labour who were re-
sponsible for the Orange agitation and
would prove an enormous gain to trade
unionists.

Sir G. Kemp, Liberal M.P. for N.W.
Manchester, opposed the Bill, which
would be supported if Ulster were allow-
ed a separate parliament.

Sir Gilbert Parker, Conservative M.P.
for Gravesend, referring to the resolu-
tions in favour of Home Rule passed by
the overseas legislatures, said he thought
that they misunderstood Ireland's po-
sition. Moreover, they had an eye to the
value of the Irish vote in their own
domains. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Samuel
had misled the House when they said that
Ireland's position was analogous to that
of South Africa. He was astonished that
the Nationalists were willing to accept
the subordinate position of a province.
If Natal should attempt to stand out of
the Union the reply of the latter would
be "You shall not go."

Mr. R. V. Harcourt, Liberal M.P. for
Montrose Burghs, advised Ulster to pro-
fit by the example of Natal and negotiate.
It would be more effectual than revolvers.

Mr. Bonar Law, the Opposition leader,
exhaustively criticized the financial pro-
visions of the Bill and ridiculed Mr.
Asquith's expression "Ireland should be
united by the cash nexus." In view of the
ridicule Mr. Asquith poured on the idea of
material interests consolidating the Em-
pire in the case of the Colonies when he
said such things were "sordid bonds."

Mr. Bonar Law asked Are the Irish differ-
ent from the Colonies? He considered
the community of economic interests one
of the strongest ties of nationality, but
in this case the financial clauses teemed
with subjects of friction wholly based
on the principle of the British Govern-
ment acting solely as tax collector.
Ministers were fond of dwelling on the
Colonial example, especially the South
African, but both races in South Africa
desired union. Ulster could not be com-
pared with Natal, which agreed to wait
till a referendum had been taken. If there
had been a minority in South Africa so

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON BANKERS' DINNER.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, May 10th.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at the Bankers'
Dinner in London, said—I have just com-
pleted witnessing a spectacle to which I
suppose there has never been a parallel
in the history of the world, the Great Brit-
ish fleet which is now assembled under
the eyes and in the presence of the King
at Weymouth. There has never been, I
believe, in the same space of water such
an aggregation of the implements of
destruction, and as I went round the fleet
and inspected at close quarters some of
these magnificent, if monstrous, achieve-
ments of modern science the thought
could not but occur to me whether the
time might not some day arrive perhaps
within the lifetime of some of the younger
of those who are sitting at these tables,
when this gigantic expenditure would be
diverted into more fruitful, fertilizing
channels and the world be saved from the
incubus which at present rests upon
some of its best aspirations. So far as we
are concerned and so far as the fleet of Great
Britain is concerned, we know it to be,
and the world knows it to be, an instru-
ment not of aggression but of defence, and,
with the countless ever-multiplying in-
terests of which we are the trustees and
guardians, we cannot afford, so long as
the world remains in its present temper, to
neglect any means for making these in-
terests secure against every danger. The
maintenance of the supremacy of our in-
disputable and invincible supremacy at
sea, is the first and fundamental condi-
tion not only of the integrity of the Brit-
ish Empire but of the life of the British
people.

Mr. Asquith proceeded to discuss bank-
ing affairs, and expressed satisfaction
that the prosperity and stability of Brit-
ish banking institutions had remained
unaltered. The deposits at banks within
forty years or less had risen by between
four hundred and five hundred millions.
Moreover, banking facilities had enorm-
ously increased.

Referring to the fall in Consols, Mr.
Asquith mentioned three causes—enlarge-
ment of trustee securities, general de-
mand for higher interest, and trade
activity. Finally, the fall in Consols
had taken place most markedly during
the series of years when Parliament made
provision at a far greater rate than ever
before for the reduction and extinction
of the National Debt. We may say
without undue arrogance and self-
complacency that our position and our
action compare very favourably with
those of any European State.

Mr. Asquith proceeding to the discus-
sion of the relations between capital and
labour, said there were signs in the in-
dustrial sky which ought to warn them
against complacent optimism. Despite
the unexampled prosperity of trade last
year the relations between capital and
labour had rarely been more severely
strained. The recurrence of incidents
like the railway and coal strikes made
it the duty not only of the Government
but of business and banking committees
to look beneath the surface and dis-
tinguish between the money and real value
of increases, whether in wages or profits;
above all, to study the economic fabric not
piecemeal but as a whole. Many of the
antitheses which people were accustomed
to take for granted in describing "irre-
concilable interests" such as those of pro-
ducer and consumer, employer and em-
ployed, turn out upon careful examina-
tion to represent the growing interdepend-
ence of all our own economic interests and
the increasing inter-relationship of produc-
tion and exchange all over the world.
These are the governing factors of modern
trade. He concluded by inviting British
bankers to contribute to the solution of
the problem of industrial unrest by sug-
gestion and wise and fruitful experiment.

THE PREMIER.

LONDON, May 10th.

The *Times* understands that Mr.
Asquith at Whitehall will visit Malta
to meet Lord Kitchener.

homogeneous and strong that no power in
South Africa could be compelled to obey;
would we have passed the Bill or sent
British soldiers to enforce accept-
ance? That was the only analogy. Mr.
Bonar Law said it was impossible
to maintain this part of the federal sys-
tem when the Government was destroying
its unity by establishing a separate cus-
tom house within the United Kingdom,
disregarding the colonial practice. When
Australia was federated, New South
Wales recognized the necessity of abandon-
ing her free-trade principles. It was
nonsense to talk of legal safeguards.
Such safeguards existed in the case of the
dominions, but no government would
dream of exercising them. No Dominion
would allow us to exercise them.

Mr. Asquith, in winding up the debate,
said no serious attempt had been made in
the debate to meet his argument based on
the character and persistence of the Irish
demands. Such a demand any parlia-
ment was bound to assent to, subject to
safeguards for minorities and Imperial
supremacy. The British people refused to
be frightened from doing that which they
believed just by the language of intima-
dation as regards Ulster.

On the vote being taken, there voted:

For the second reading... 372

Against... 271

Majority... 101

Members of the House of Commons
assembled in the Palace Yard and a
crowd outside gave an ovation to Mr.
Asquith and Mr. Redmond on their de-
parture from the House. Many sang "A
nation once again."

There had been the greatest efforts to
secure a majority of 100 on the second
reading. The Opposition voted at full
strength except five who paired with
Liberals. A Liberal Member, Sir Clifford
Cory, voted against it and another
Liberal Member, Sir G. Kemp, abstained.
Only three Nationalists were absent, two
being in Australia and one ill. The
O'Brienites voted with the majority.
Four Liberals were unaccounted for.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST AMALGAMATION.

LONDON, May 10th.

A representative conference of Conser-
vatives and Liberal Unionists has decided
to amalgamate. The Duke of Abercorn,
Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Halsbury,
Lord Londonderry, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr.
Walter Long, Lord Lansdowne, the Duke
of Devonshire, Mr. Austen Chamberlain
and prominent members of both parties
attended the conference. Mr. Balfour
and Mr. J. Chamberlain wrote approving
of the amalgamation.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

LONDON, May 10th.

M. Virstraed, director of the Russo-
Asiatic Bank, is coming to London to
participate in the meeting of the inter-
national bankers concerned in the Chi-
nese loan.

GERMAN MINISTER TO LONDON.

LONDON, May 10th.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin tele-
graphs that Count Metternich's resigna-
tion has been accepted. It appears that
it was tendered a year ago, but was pos-
tponed for various reasons, including the
coronation.

A FRENCH APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, May 10th.

M. Raindre, formerly French Am-
bassador to Japan, has been selected
as the President of the Société des
Etudes in connection with the Trans-
Persian Railway.

TOM MANN IMPRISONED.

LONDON, May 10th.

Mr. Tom Mann has been sentenced to
six months' imprisonment in the second
division for inciting soldiers to mutiny.

GERMANY AND MIXED MARRIAGES.

LONDON, May 10th.

In the Reichstag the resolution urging
the legalisation of marriages between
whites and blacks in German protectorates
has been passed by the combination of the
Clerical party and the Socialists.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]

BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, May 10th.

A Portland despatch states that the King proceeded two miles in a submarine under the surface of the water and then rose.

The fog continues, as a result of which the principal manoeuvres have been impossible.

LATER.

A feature of the King's visit to Weymouth was the flights of the aviators, especially with the hydro-aeroplane, which had not been used before the 2nd instant. It was most successful in rising from land, from water, and from the platform of a warship, and was able to carry a ton weight. The rocks beneath the sea were visible from it.

Despite the fog the King remained on board the *Neptune*, which accompanied the first and second battle squadrons to sea. Squadron firing was impossible, as was also the testing of the *Orion's* guns, but the *Neptune* practised her 18 inch guns.

A NEW NAVAL RESERVE.

LONDON, May 10th.

The Admiralty is forming a new Reserve of men under 32 to be immediately available in an emergency.

THE STRAITS RUBBER TRADE.

LONDON, May 10th.

Colonel Seely, in reply to Sir John Jardine, said that Mr. Harcourt had heard nothing of any proposal to the effect that the Government of the Straits Settlements were about to put an export tax on rubber and other produce. No tax could be imposed without an Ordinance by the Colonial Legislature.

THE BANK RATE.

LONDON, May 10th.

The bank rate of discount has been changed to three per cent.

CANTON

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

May 8th.

KNOCKING DOWN THE CITY WALL.
The present method of demolishing the city wall is to be abolished and a tender from native merchants for the work in sections is being asked. At present the work has been done by so-called Engineering Soldiers who are men who previous to their joining the army had some experience of building. These workmen have in the opinion of the Governor been taking too long in the work and will cost the Government too much money, while if the work is given out in contracts they will be able to have it finished in a definite time and on the whole it will be a saving of money.

SUFFRAGETTES?

Yesterday, the Women's Union held a meeting at their headquarters in the Western Suburbs where over a hundred were present. The questions under discussion were the best means of starting an industrial factory for women, a library and a newspaper and as a result of the meeting these things will be started as soon as sufficient support is assured. This is indeed a sign of the advance China has made in the last few months, for who can imagine even a suggestion like this under the old régime.

ROBBERY ON BUND.

Yesterday at noon an armed robbery was committed at one of the busiest places on the bund. Four men gained entrance to a shop and driving the occupants to the back at the point of their rifles looted the place and made off in the matter of a few minutes. The robbery must have been well planned, for not only were the occupants taken entirely by surprise but there were no police or soldiers in the near vicinity just at that time.

ROBBERY ON THE RIVER.

A boat from the Chung Fa District heavily laden and with a number of passengers was looted by a large band of robbers from the village of Pong Wu, who made a clean sweep and killed or drowned seventeen people on board.

A WIRELESS COMPASS.

Mr. Bellini has joined the engineering staff of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, which has been engaged in developing the Bellini-Tosi Directional System. An improved apparatus has been installed by the Marconi Company in the steamship *Mauretania*, the results of which have been highly satisfactory. The company is now prepared to furnish ships with installations which will enable them in a fog to define their position, besides determining the direction of land or of an approaching vessel.

SHAMHEEN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on the 7th inst., there being present: Messrs. T. E. Griffith (chairman), O. Ahrendt, O. V. Lanning, R. C. Martin and the Secretary.

Mr. F. R. J. Adams, the Council's Engineer, also attended. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

SHAMHEEN WATER SCHEME.

It was decided at the last special meeting to authorise the Council's Engineers to order the filters as per specification submitted, from Messrs. Arndt & Co. The Council's Engineers placed before the meeting tenders received from Messrs. Arndt & Co., for the pumping installation and asked if the Council were prepared to discuss and accept them then, or whether they wished to postpone the matter pending a reply from Messrs. Tangye's, Ltd. They also stated that Messrs. Tangye's, Ltd., had been communicated with on the 28th March and a reply might be expected about the end of this month.

Mr. MARTIN proposed and Mr. LANNING seconded that further discussion on this matter be postponed until the Council heard from Messrs. Tangye's, Ltd.

The question of guarantees, from makers of machinery proposed to be adopted, was brought forward by the Chairman and after a general discussion the Council's Engineers were requested to write Messrs. Arndt & Co., on this matter. The Engineers stated, however, that they had already done so.

The Council also discussed the question of payments for plant and the matter was held over.

The Engineers further reported that they had received tenders through their London agents for the supply of a steel jetty and asked the Council whether they were prepared to authorise them to accept such tender by cable, so that the work of building the jetty could be pushed on with and the jetty eventually used to facilitate the landing of material.

The question of the length of the jetty was then raised and the Engineers stated that they had received tenders for a 30 and a 50 ft. jetty and strongly recommended that the 50 ft. jetty be adopted, for the principal reason that at that distance deeper water was obtainable for pumping purposes and for launches coming alongside.

The question as to whether it was more desirable to carry the suction main along the bed of the river to a distance of 150/200 feet from the bund line, having the heads protected with a dolphin and beacon, or 50 feet from the bund line but carried under the jetty, was discussed and the Engineers gave it as their opinion that the latter was the better method.

After some discussion it was decided to erect a 50 ft. jetty to serve as a landing stage and as a protection to the pipeline, as proposed by the Engineers.

The question of the exact site of such jetty was postponed until the Chairman had interviewed H.B.M.'s Consul-General. The Engineers were requested to obtain the necessary permission from the harbour authorities for the erection of such a jetty, prepare plans and to obtain quotations from local firms for the supply of the material.

FIRE BRIGADE.

A supply of 1,800 ft. of fire hose has arrived from Messrs. Merryweather & Sons and will be handed over to the Superintendent.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

A small latrine for children is being erected at a cost of \$100.

FINANCE.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted figures which showed that \$13,000 are to be placed on fixed deposit, sufficient being kept on hand to meet requirements. The present fixed deposit for \$6,000, due 8th May, is to be renewed.

DOGS.

Complaints having been received that many many dogs are running about the settlement at large, the Chairman proposed that the Police be instructed to carry out the bye-laws governing dogs with more severity, and to this end a notice is to be sent round informing owners of many dogs that they must keep them in their own compounds.

SANITARY.

The Chairman stated that the annual inspection has begun and as far as reports have come in results are very disappointing, several compounds being in a filthy state. The matter will be brought up at next meeting.

PARKING ORDER.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that Shaki Street was being very much congested owing to the fact that all sorts of mat structures, etc., are permitted to be erected, and he had sent for the Captain of the Guard pointing the matter out to him and asking that they be removed, as in case of fire they were dangerous, and also that dug-outs and leper boats should not be allowed to pass through the Canal. The official promised to look after these various matters and have them attended to.

HEALTH.

The Council's Medical Officer reports 3 mild cases of small-pox. These were removed from the Concession and isolated until free of infection. Two cases of malaria and four of dysentery were also notified on the Concession during the past month.

THE REVOLUTION IN CHINA.

CHINA ASSOCIATION REPORT ON THE SITUATION.

The annual report of the China Association for 1911-12 has just been issued. Concerning recent political events in China it states:—

In last year's report, when reviewing the proceedings of the first National Assembly then sitting at Peking, it was remarked that this body, which had been called into being to advise and assist the Throne, had not only done nothing to "assist," but by its criticism, well or ill directed, had done much to weaken the moral control of the Central Government. Few of us then dreamed that the Central Government was so near the verge of moral bankruptcy that within the short space of four months the Court, the Prince Regent, and the whole paraphernalia of Manchu officialdom would be swept aside at the bidding, it is said, of the will of the nation.

The causes for the upheaval are many and complex. The Revolutionary party at Nanking give out that the uprising is a revolt of the whole nation against an alien domination, which for nearly 300 years has oppressed and plundered the people, which has stifled all progress, and in a state of abject submission. If this were true the explanation would be very simple and work of reconstruction much easier than it is likely to be. But it is not true in several respects. Historically it is not true, for China was never so prosperous, so loyal, and it may be added so well governed as under the first four or five Manchu Emperors. That the dynasty has become decadent is true, and that there has been much misrule, feebleness, and incapacity during the last half century is also true, but the Manchus are not alone responsible for that, because the policy of the Court has been largely directed by statesmen of purely Chinese origin. Nor is it true to say that the uprising is a revolt of the whole nation. There is no evidence to show that the thinking part of the nation, the literati, the gentry, and the commercial classes are or were disloyal, or had any desire to exchange the Monarchy for a Republic. Still less is it true of the masses of the toiling people, who indeed have no opinion or understanding of the subject.

But at the same time, there has been a growing feeling of discontent among leading provincials and a dissatisfaction with the Central governing authorities, not so much because they are Manchu as because they are Central. Wars of space precludes any attempt at an exhaustive consideration of the causes of discontent, but an intelligent Chinaman would probably sum them up as follows:—The Central Government has made a mess of things. It has led the country into foreign wars, in which we have invariably been defeated; we have lost territory, we have lost money, and, worst of all, we have lost face. China is no longer the glorious country of our forefathers; we have had to pay huge indemnities, and the country has been saddled with an enormous foreign debt under which it is groaning, and trade is stifled by taxation to meet it. We have become the bond-slaves of foreign nations, and in no long time the country will be partitioned out among them as one divides a melon. All this is the fault of the Central Government.

Sentiments such as these have found free expression in the native press during the last few years. In themselves they did not necessarily lead to rebellion but rather to a reformation by revolution. The general feeling was fairly represented in the National Assembly, which, while criticising individual officials, professed its loyalty to and confidence in the Throne. But, side by side with this feeling of discontent, the more ardent revolutionary spirits were carrying on an active propaganda against the Dynasty, and when, finally, the military outbreak occurred at Wuchang to the cry of "down with the Manchus," the feeling explains the extraordinary phenomena of whole provinces throwing off their allegiance and declaring their independence by the mere hoisting of a flag.

THE FUTURE OF CHINA.

The report proceeds to trace the events in connection with the conflict of authority between the Central Government and the provinces over the railway question and the Hukwang loan, which culminated, as we know, in the military revolt at Wuchang, followed by a general rebellion and the abdication of the Manchus. The report proceeds:—

The question of questions now is, whether it is possible to draw up a workable scheme for the order and good government of China as a republic. If it is, all foreigners in China, and certainly this Association, will rejoice and congratulate the authors on having accomplished such a marvellous feat. But the task has yet to be done, and without being pessimistic it is permissible to entertain grave doubts of its success. It will be admitted that the work of reconstruction has been made infinitely more difficult than it would have been if the Nanking revolutionaries had accepted the 19 Articles drafted by the National Assembly establishing a constitutional monarchy. These, in effect, gave all the guarantees that the most ardent reformer could have desired, and it may be said with certainty that they would have been accepted by the great bulk of the nation as a permanent settlement. They would have preserved the continuity of the Government and given a solid foundation on which reforms could have been built up. Now, the organic basis of the republic has to be laid, and after that a workable scheme of government among the constituent provinces has to be evolved.

THE QUESTION OF FINANCE.

Urgent as the political difficulty is, it is overshadowed by the still more urgent question of finance. The Treasuries both at Peking and at the revolutionary centre at Nanking are empty, troops have to be paid, Manchu pensions have to be met, and the general administration of the country must be carried on. The collection of taxes is in abeyance, or, if collected, no funds are forthcoming from the provinces in aid of the central administration, and even if the Republican Government is organised it will be months before the machinery for the due collection of taxes can be re-established. In the circumstances further borrowing of foreign

funds becomes absolutely necessary if the Empire is to be saved from anarchy. But grave responsibilities are imposed on the great financial institutions which are occupied in considering the best way of meeting the urgent appeal of China for help. There can be no question as to the immediate necessity of introducing reforms in the financial administration and the creation of new securities to meet the further borrowing. This is a matter of first-class importance, not only to holders of existing Chinese Bonds, but to all who are commercially interested in the welfare and progress of the Empire. It is believed that a prominent feature of the programme which the administration of President Yuan Shih-kai has under consideration is the employment of competent foreign advisers in the Ministry of Finance, the Salt and the Land Tax departments. If these reforms are carried out, coupled with the currency reform and possibly a revision of the tariff, China may overcome all her difficulties. But it is indispensable that a genuine attempt be made to carry them out. The committees under-stand that the combination of the banking institutions of the four Powers most interested in the prosperity and integrity of China are stipulating for reforms of the nature above described, and that in so doing they have the support of their respective Governments. In the opinion of the Association such a combination so which guarantees can be secured that reform, which are the sole condition on which financial aid ought to be given, will in truth be carried into effect. On the other hand, indiscriminate lending to banks, is strongly to be deprecated. Probably no worse service can be done to China at the present time than to lend her money without conditions. Reforms would be delayed, the loans would be squandered or misapplied, and in no long time bankruptcy would be staring her in the face. It may no doubt be distasteful to many Chinese to feel that money is only to be had on rigid terms, but the lesson is salutary, and the sooner it is learned the better for China and for all concerned.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon and Smyth in their weekly share report dated May 10th state:—The market during the past week has ruled quiet but fairly steady on the whole, and rates with few exceptions have undergone no material change. London "Rubbers" close on the "easy" side, and Singapore descriptions quiet but steady. About last week's quotations. Fine Hard Para Rubber is quoted to-day at 4/7½ per lb. sellers. Discount rates have declined in London to 3 per cent. (Bank of England) and 3½ per cent. (open market rate). The closing quotations for Bar Silver are given at 97½d. at 1/11½, Shanghai, T.T. closes at 79½.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai are unchanged with small sales and probable buyers at \$33. London is unaltered at \$33. **MARINE INSURANCES.**—Unions close steady at \$15 with small sales and probable sellers. Cantons have further improved their position closing with sales and buyers at \$20. In North China, China Traders, and Yangtzes, no local business is reported, and quotations are practically unchanged.

Life Insurance.—Hongkongs have been booked at \$20 and more shares could be placed. Chinas close steady with further sales at \$19 and probable buyers.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are again easier with sellers at \$20½ after small sales at \$27. Star Ferry are in request at \$32 and \$30 for old and new respectively, and Douglas at the advanced rate of \$28. China and Manilas are quiet at \$10½ with sales. Shell Transports have been done at 115½ and 117½ closing with buyers for London account at 113½.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have declined during the interval to \$105 at which rate buyers prevail with no sellers at anything near the quotation. Luxons have maintained their position at \$34, market closing firm.

MINING.—Tronohs after fairly numerous sales round about 77½ are wanted for London account at 76½. Heavwoods are unchanged at 5½ and Rauts at \$14.00, both closing with sellers. Chinese Engineerings have advanced and are in strong demand for London account at 36½.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are quiet with small sales at \$47 and Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves at \$50 with buyers. New Amoy Docks are quoted at \$64 buyers, Shanghai Docks at \$15. 54 and Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves at \$15. 55.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands after sales at \$108 and \$104 are on offer at \$105. West Points can be placed at \$83, and Kowloon Lands at \$84. There are buyers of Humphreys Estates at \$72 with no shares obtainable under \$80. Hongkong Hotels continue in request at \$109 (old) and \$89 (new) and the offer of shares at a slightly higher rate would probably be accepted.

CORROX MILLS.—Hongkongs have again been booked at \$5, the market closing steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Bornes are in request at \$103 after sales, and China Providents at the improved rate of \$94. Cements have been booked at \$43. Watsons at \$5, Dairy Farms at \$22, and Ices at \$205. There are buyers of Electric at \$22 ex div. Ropes at \$184, Union Water Boats at \$71, and Fisheries at \$4. Pulpers are quoted at \$34 sellers and Langkats at \$15. 70 sellers.

LONDON QUOTATIONS.—The following quotations (middle price) were received from London by wire to-day:—
Linggis 34/-
United Serdangs 111/3
Sapongs 59/9
Ledburs 59/9
London Asiatics 11/8
E. I. Trusts 22/-
Rubber Trusts 12/6 premium.
Tronohs 77/-
Hongkong Electric Trams 4/-
Shell Transports 114/6
Chinese Engineerings 38/6
Indo-Chinas (Combined) 140/-
Para Rubber 4/7½ sellers.

FIREMEN'S STRIKE ON JAPANESE VESSELS.

The *Japan Gazette* of the 8th ult. gives the following account of the recent strikes on Japanese vessels:—

The agitation among the firemen on the N.Y.K. and other Japanese steamers to secure an increase of wages, which has been simmering for some days, has at last resulted in a strike, necessitating the postponement, to-day, of the departure of the European and Seattle liners.

The N.Y.K. European liner *Miyasaka Maru*, on which the agitation is believed to have started while the vessel was lying at Kobe, arrived at Yokohama yesterday morning, one day later than schedule date. K. Hamada, the chief fireman of the *Miyasaka*, landed at Kobe, and came on by rail, and was said to have been secretly communicating with the firemen on various Japanese steamers in Yokohama, being assisted by the ex-chief fireman of the N.Y.K. steamers *Bingo Maru* and *Inaba Maru*. These men, it appears, have organized a union. This union seems to have first approached the firemen of the O.S.K. steamer *Seattle Maru*, which arrived here from Tacoma yesterday morning, for, in the afternoon, twenty-eight firemen applied to the Captain for permission to leave the steamer. As the *Seattle Maru* was advertised to leave for Hongkong at 5 p.m. to-day, the Captain requested the Harbour Police to keep a watch over the movements of these men. The steamer was able to leave at noon to-day, the Company promising to increase the men's wages by ten per cent. upon the return of the steamer from Hongkong.

The firemen of the N.Y.K. European liner *Hibachi Maru*, numbering thirty-one, who are alleged to have been in communication with those on the *Miyasaka* while the latter vessel was at Kobe, applied to the Captain for leave on the night of the 22nd, but this was refused. Despite the precautions taken by the Harbour Police, fifteen men landed secretly at about seven o'clock last evening. In consequence no fires were lit this morning, and the steamer, which was scheduled to leave for London at noon to-day, had to postpone her departure. The passengers were all on board this morning ready to leave, when they learned of the trouble and of the delay of the vessel.

The N.Y.K. American liner *Sanuki Maru*, which was to have been dispatched for Seattle at 2 p.m. to-day, is also held up owing to trouble among her firemen, who have asked to be allowed to come ashore on the plea that they will be persecuted by other men if they remain on board.

A similar request has been made by the firemen of the N.Y.K. Shanghai liner *Kasuga Maru*, scheduled to leave here at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The other N.Y.K. steamers in Yokohama whose firemen are more or less affected are the *Tanaka Maru*, *Takatsuki Maru*, *Matsuyama Maru*, *Chefoo Maru*, *Bentin Maru* and *Eboshi Maru*.

The Yokohama Harbour Police are posting inspectors, policemen and detectives on the various Japanese steamers in port. The three leaders of the trouble were summoned to the Harbour Police Station last night and cautioned by the officials not to resort to any violent action.

TROUBLE ON T.K.K. STEAMERS.

The firemen on the T.K.K. South American liner *Bayo Maru*, advertised to leave here for Valparaiso at 3 p.m. to-morrow, have claimed an increase of wages, but their demand had not been granted up to late this afternoon.

Prior to her departure for San Francisco similar trouble occurred among the crew of the T.K.K. steamer *Shingo Maru*, and fears were felt that the departure of the liner would be delayed. The Company, however, settled the matter temporarily by promising to give a definite answer to the demand upon the steamer's return from America.

The *Osaka Maru* and several other coasting steamers, registered in Osaka, recently left Yokohama after having settled similar trouble with their crews.

The monthly pay of a first-class fireman on the N.Y.K. is 21 yen. This consists of regular pay, 14 yen, and an extra allowance of 7 yen. This is said to be 3 yen higher than the rate paid by the T.K.K. and other steamship companies.

An application for an increase of wages was sent in to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha by the firemen last year. The Company is said to have been making investigations into the affair, but the situation has now been precipitated by the present action of the firemen.

Several of the principal officials of the N.Y.K. head office have come down to Yokohama, and are consulting with the officials of the local branch office.

ARREST OF STRIKE LEADERS.

The ex-chief firemen of the *Miyasaka Maru*, *Bingo Maru* and *Inaba Maru*, K. Hamada, C. Imazeki and S. Owada, were arrested this afternoon on a warrant issued by the Yokohama District Court. The authorities were this morning carrying out domiciliary searches at the residences of the three men.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION INTO SIAM.

The *ss. Chaoing*, from Swatow, landed no fewer than 1,003 deck passengers at Bangkok on the 8th ult., which, according to the Customs authorities, is a record at Bangkok for any one steamer. This was not all, however, for the *ss. Drufar* brought 1,482 from the same port, making a total of 2,135.

It is difficult, says the *Bangkok Times*, to imagine where the large numbers of Chinese who arrive here so frequently manage to find employment, but from all accounts they are quickly distributed up and down country and in Bangkok itself. It is said also that the present troubles in China are causing many to seek a quieter life elsewhere.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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UNDER the instructions of the General Managers Mr. H. W. D. SHALLARD will be in charge of the Company's affairs at this port during any absence on leave in Europe. EDEBERT A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 11th May, 1912. [695]

MARINE INSURANCE.

DURING any absence on leave in Europe Mr. H. W. D. SHALLARD will be in charge of this Company's affairs at this port. EDEBERT A. HEWETT, Agent. Hongkong, 11th May, 1912. [696]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. A DIVIDEND at the rate of TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. being FIFTEEN DOLLARS per Share, on the Paid-up Capital of the above Association, has been declared Payable, in Cash at Exchange 73, at the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA or the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Shanghai, on or after this date, to Shareholders on Record on the 24th April, 1912. By Order of the Board of Directors. W. S. JACKSON, Secretary. Shanghai, 1st May, 1912. [697]

PUBLIC AUCTION OF FINE TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, On THURSDAY, the 16th May, 1912, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, A LARGE QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:— UPHOLSTERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE by Powell & Co. (in Teak), PLUSH UPHOLSTERED WALNUT WOOD DRAWING ROOM SUITE (European make), TEAK DESKS, CABINETS and CARD TABLES, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., &c. FINE TEAK SIDEBOARDS, DINING TABLE CARVED DINING CHAIRS, BOOKCASES, ROLL-TOP DESKS, OVERMANTLES and HATSTAND, &c. TEAK WARDROBES, WASHSTANDS, TOILET TABLES and CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, &c., &c. FINELY CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD BOOKCASE, CUBIC STAND, DESK, ROUND TABLES, TEAPOYS, FLOWER STANDS and PHOTO FRAMES. 5 COTTAGE PIANOS by well-known makers. 6 TYPEWRITERS and 2 SEWING MACHINES, &c., &c. On View from WEDNESDAY, the 15th May. Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 11th May, 1912. [699]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS & CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

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THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai, at 4 P.M. on MONDAY, the 13th May, 1912, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Nine Months ended 31st December, 1911, will be presented. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 13th May, both days inclusive. By Order of the Directors. J. A. WATTIE & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. 643

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PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of May, 1912, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1912. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th instant to the 3rd instant, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [694]

THE CATHAY TRUST, LIMITED.

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 10, Canton Road, Shanghai, on MONDAY, the 20th May, 1912, at 4 o'clock P.M., when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st April, 1912, will be submitted. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th day of May, 1912, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors. J. A. WATTIE & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. 699

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at 12.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th May, 1912, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1911, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th May, both days inclusive. THE CHINA-BORNEO Co., Ltd., W. G. DABBY, General Manager. Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [690]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members will be held on MONDAY, 20th May, 1912, at 4 o'clock P.M., in the CHAMBER ROOM, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, to nominate a Member of the Chamber to fill the place of the Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWETT, C.M.G., during 9 months' leave of absence granted to him by H.E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT. Notice in writing of the names of Candidates and of their proposals and secondors: to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting. By Order. E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary. Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [687]

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NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that MR. S. MORIMOTO has been Appointed AGENT of the TOYO KISEN KAISHA at HONGKONG with effect from this date, on the transfer of Mr. K. MATSUDA to YOKOHAMA. TOYO KISEN KAISHA. King's Buildings, Hongkong, 9th May, 1912. [695]

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A STRAYED LOVE LETTER.

by
LADY GILBERT.

On a morning in June, Jack Rollinson set out to do a service for a friend, who could be saved a long journey and other inconveniences. The undertaking was not attractive, but Rollinson was not the man to shrink doing a kindness because he disliked it as a personal experience. "This is the place," he said to himself, standing at a high gate with attention, ornaments on top of the weather-beaten pillars, "and not inappropriately named The Haystacks."

He could see through the bars of the gate a meadow littered with haycocks, and the fragrance of new-mown hay came to him, mingled with the odour of roses. Between the trees he could see two gables hung with ivy, and a group of tall old chimneys giving lifted lines to a charming picture. The Haystacks looked sweet and hospitable, with an air of respectable antiquity. He went slowly up a long drive with several turnings, each of which seemed to push the house still further back into remoteness from the world of ordinary wayfarers.

An open door at the top of wide steps invited him into the house, and he rang an unwilling bell that seemed to have grown lazy from long disuse beside a threshold that could be crossed without any appeal to it.

The call was answered. "Can I see Miss Daisy Greenwood?" "She is in the garden, sir," said the elderly maid who associated the occasional calls of a stranger with Chancery, and spoke in awe accordingly. "If you will walk in I will send for her, sir. Who shall I say, sir? Are you the last young man that called to see her, sir?"

"I appear to be the last, up to date," said Rollinson. "The woman started. 'You need not send for her, I will try to find her in the garden.' 'Very well, sir.' 'Open air is good for doing difficult work in, and I shall see the garden which I can already smell so delightfully, thought the stranger as he followed the path indicated by the servant. 'It would hardly have been tactful to ask if Miss Greenwood is a young, or an old, or a middle-aged lady.'"

He walked under an arch of roses, and heard a young voice talking to a dog in tones imperious and caressing, and suddenly a hand rose above a hedge of sweet peas, bare, with the sun shining on it. A cloud of fair, curly hair glittered in the sunshine, a pair of blue eyes full of the light looked at him over the rose and purple bank of the flowers.

"Oh!" said the girl, speaking across in a clear joyous voice, "is it Chancery again?" "No, it is not Chancery," said Rollinson, lifting his hat and stepping a little nearer, as the girl emerged from the lane of sweet peas with the dog at her heels, a dainty little figure in a white frock, with a trail of blue ribbon at her waist.

"If it isn't Chancery, what is it?" she asked. "Nobody else comes to see me. And I don't pay the tradesman's bills." Rollinson's vanity made note of the fact that he might be taken as a possible tradesman's messenger.

"You owe me nothing, madam." "I am not a madam. Nobody is a madam at eighteen. I am eighteen to-day. Perhaps you have brought me a birthday present. But nobody does."

"I am sorry," said Rollinson, "but I did not know."

"No; how could you?" "I came, on the contrary, to ask you to give something to me." "What is it? I have so few things of my own. Nothing but my dog, and my kitten, and my pearl necklace, and my work-box. You couldn't use a work-box, and you could not wear a necklace, being a man, could you? I should like to buy plenty of things, but I have no money of my own until my guardian comes. Anastasia pays the bills."

"It won't cost you anything to give me what I came to ask for," said Rollinson. "I'm glad of that," said the girl, "because it is delightful to have something to give. Oh, by the way, I can give you some strawberries. Will you have them?"

Rollinson smiled at the eager hospitality in the voice, and at the exquisite freshness of the tints of youth in the upturned face framed in shining curls. He remembered afterwards that a lark was singing in the blue overhead while they talked.

"Do have strawberries!" she urged. "Anastasia will bring us cream. I never had a visitor like you before. And I will gather you some roses afterwards."

"How will Anastasia know to bring us the cream?" asked Rollinson. "Oh, she will be sure to come to see what is happening. She always does for Chancery."

"I shall be thankful for the strawberries when I have done my business, or rather my friend's business," said Rollinson. "I am only a messenger."

"Well, I am sorry," said the girl, "for I hate messengers. I never see any other kind of man. But I thought you were different. I thought you were a gentleman."

"I hope I am a gentleman," said Rollinson. "And so is my friend who sent me."

"But what can I do for him?" "You are Miss Greenwood?" "Yes."

"Miss Daisy Greenwood?" "There is no other Miss Greenwood." "Oh, but there is another Miss Greenwood. And another Miss Daisy Greenwood. You have got a letter belonging to her."

"I never got a letter in my life but one. It came only last week. It is my own letter, and nobody else's."

"It is somebody else's." "No, no. It was written to me. Oh, such a delightful letter. I have read it, and read it, and read it. I read it a dozen times a day. I light a candle in the middle of the night to read it again. Nobody ever loved me like that before. Anastasia is fond of me, but she keeps me in order. It is better than Fox, my dog, because his barking isn't human words. And I don't want to know who

wrote it. It is just my love-letter, and talks to me as I like to be talked to. Neither you nor your friend has got anything to do with it. And there is no other Miss Daisy Greenwood or the postman wouldn't have brought it to me."

"The postman wanted you to return it, and you would not give it to him."

"Why should I, when it came to me? Miss Daisy Greenwood is on the envelope, and he had to bring it to me. What right could he have to take it back?"

"There is another Miss Daisy Greenwood that present in Limeshire."

"There is no other Miss Daisy Greenwood at the Haystacks."

"Limeshire was on the envelope, but the local name had been omitted."

"It is addressed to the Haystacks."

"Let me see the envelope, and I will show you what I mean."

"I will show you," said Miss Daisy triumphantly.

She opened a little silk bag that hung from her waist ribbon, and took out a letter. Removing the cover she at once replaced the letter in her bag. Then she scrutinized the envelope and handed it gleefully to her visitor.

"You see 'The Haystacks'."

Rollinson looked at it smiling. "I see 'try the Haystacks,' in Post Office handwriting," he said. "This place is well known to the postal authorities who could not guess the temporary dwelling place of my friend's fiancée."

"It is as old as the hills, older I dare say than the Postal Authorities themselves. So why should they not send me my letters here? Of course they did. They have been sending letters here ever since they were born."

She kept her hand on the little bag containing the letter, as if she feared it might be going to deprive her of it by violence or trickery. He was beginning to feel puzzled and baffled. Yet it was important to his friend's happiness that the other Miss Daisy Greenwood should be convinced that her lover had not deliberately neglected her for a whole fortnight by leaving her without a letter.

"Don't you think we might as well have the strawberries while we are considering this matter?" he said.

"Oh, there is nothing more to consider," said Daisy. "It is all settled. But here is Anastasia, and she will get us the cream. Come and pick them fresh."

Rollinson followed the light foot and white skirt in and out of paths and lanes of flowers, away to the vegetable and fruit garden where they both went to work to pick the most splendid of the large strawberries ripening in profusion, at their feet. When enough were gathered they returned to the flower garden, where they found Anastasia waiting, a woman apparently all compact of white linen apron and starched white muslin cap, who had placed a little table in an arbour and, upon it, a silver jug of cream and two china platters.

The strawberries were eaten with a great deal of light chatter, and Rollinson made no further allusion to the letter which remained safe in Miss Daisy's silk bag. He ignored a good many particulars of the lonely girl's way of life, and her companionship with the cat, the calf, the kitten and the Irish terrier. And when at last he went away he was thinking more of the girl herself than of the letter he had failed to obtain from her.

"She has not seen the last of me, however," he said to himself as he walked away down the drive, having said goodbye to her.

At the gate-house he found Anastasia, who had stood by all the time in the arbour and was now waiting to have a last word with him.

"I don't know who you are, sir," she said, "but you're not the sort of visitor I am allowed to admit. Lawyers and Chancery, and that are different, because they're business."

"But I am business too," said Rollinson. "It didn't sound like business," said Anastasia firmly. "And Miss Daisy is nothing but a child. She knows nothing about the world, and her head is full of fancies. You wanted her to give back a letter; but you oughtn't to have wrote it."

"I did not write it," said Rollinson. "I wouldn't have taken such a liberty. And I never saw her before, and didn't even know of the young lady's existence."

"Then what brought you here, sir?" "The letter was not intended for your young lady. It was written to another person, who happens to bear the same name."

"Oh-h-h!" said Anastasia. "Then you ought to have got it back some other way, sir; and not to have come here visiting and flirting with my Miss Daisy."

"Anastasia primed up her mouth and was silent."

"You must get me back that letter."

"I couldn't get it from her. She loves it like her life. But she doesn't want you, if you let her alone. Can't you write another letter to your other young lady, and let her keep it to make her happy? There's nothing signed to it but initials, that don't hold you to anything. And it's the same to her as the birds and the flowers, and the animals, and the grass growing, and the sun shining. It's just love in the air all round her, put into words like a song. All that is what she tells me. But she didn't want to see the person, you or anyone else, that wrote the letter. It was just as if it dropped out of the clouds to her. When she's older and sees the world she'll get more sense. But you oughtn't to have come here, sir."

"But I shall have to come again, for I have promised to get that letter for my friend who wrote it to the lady he is engaged to. And there will be trouble if it is not returned. I shall stay in this neighbourhood the night, and I will come again to-morrow."

"You are very bold, sir. But it takes a lot of cleverness to be even with a child. And when her uncle comes home, maybe you're not the kind of gentleman he would approve of."

Rollinson had put up at a little country inn not a mile from the Haystacks. It was still early in the day when he returned there, and as he went he smiled to himself at the attitude taken up by Anastasia. It pleased him to think that a good dragon in starched white muslin and with stern searching eyes was no guard beside this seemingly forlorn, and guardian-less, and family-less, child-like and bewitching

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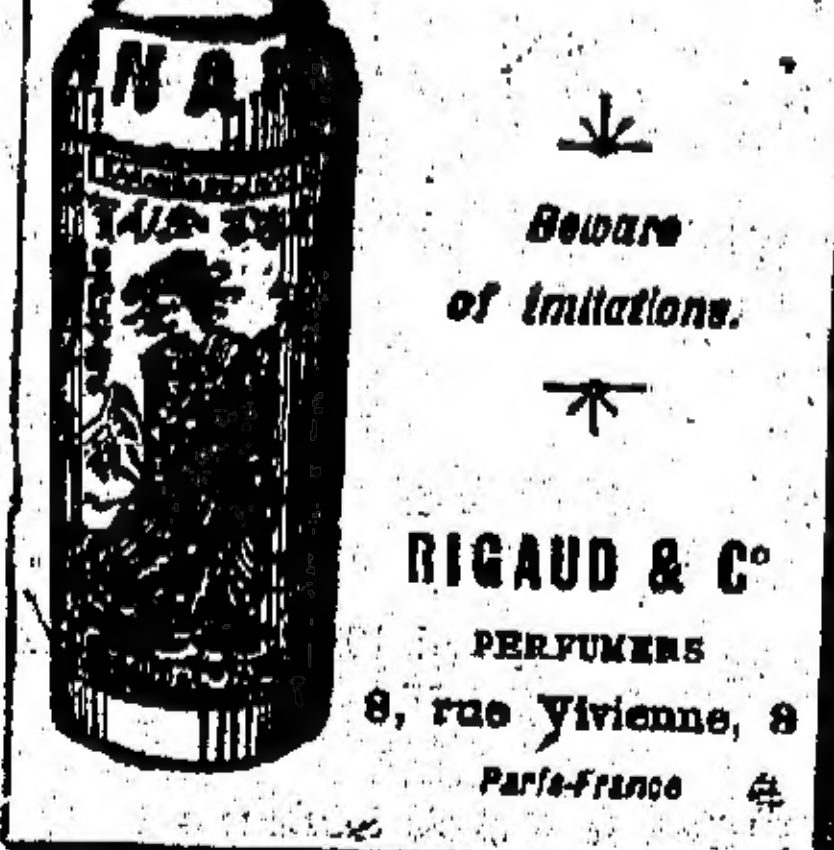
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Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.)
THE Chartered Steamship

Y. "SUISANG,"
Captain S. J. Payne, will be despatched
for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 14
inst. at 1 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 10th May, 1912. [692]

THE AMERICAN AND MANCHURIA
LINE.
FOR NEW YORK

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast,
and to proceed via Cape of Good Hope.)

"MATOPPO,"
Captain Dorman, will be despatched for the

For Freight and further information, apply
THE HONG KONG LINE, LTD.
General Agents,
Hongkong, 16th April, 1912. [572]

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.
NOTICE.

FOR ODESSA.

THE Steamship

"EKATERINOSLAVI,"
will be ready to load on or about SATURDA
the 25th instant.

For Further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.
 Agents,
RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

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(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR
COAST AND PROCEED VIA THE CAPE
OF GOOD HOPE).
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

day, **FOR NEW YORK,**
S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE"
On or about 25th M.

For Freight and further information, apply
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1912. [666]

day, **GLEN LINE (McGREGOR, GOW & Co
LIMITED:**

THE Steamship
"GLENSTRAE,"
Captain Jas. McGilligan, will be despatched

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GUTHRIE & HOGES & Co

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1912. [654]

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STRAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS (ORIENTAL)	Capt. A. L. Valentini	Noon, 11th May.	See Special Advertisement
LONDON and ANTWERP			
VIA SINGAPORE, PE	PALAWAN	About 15th May.	Freight and Passage.
NANG, COLOMBO, PORT	Capt. C. R. Longdon, R.N.S.		
SAID and MARSEILLES			
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE	NORE	About 16th May.	Freight and Passage.
AND YOKOHAMA	Capt. G. Phillips		
SHANGHAI	DELTA	About 23rd May.	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. E. F. Martin, R.N.S.		

For Further Particulars apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent

Hongkong, 11th May, 1912

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STRAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 11th May, 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG"	On 12th May, 9 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 14th May, 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, TUESDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BEIRUT, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 15th May, Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 16th May, 4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 18th May, 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 18th May, 11 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 21st May, 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI."

IN CONJUNCTION WITH AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL LINE.

MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES, Cargo booked through for all Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania Ports.

MANILA LINE—TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "TEAN" and "TAMING." Saloon accommodation Ample; Electric Fans fitted; Extra State-rooms on Deck, aft. Saloon accommodation of S.S. "KAIFONG" is situated on Deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI," "CHENAN," "CHINHUA" and "LINAN" with excellent accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Passengers must embark before Mid-night on SATURDAY, for the SUNDAY morning sailings. A Co's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every SATURDAY Night.

These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of the transshipment at Woosung.

REDUCED FARES—SINGLE \$45.....RETURN \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS [8-608]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

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Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to MARSEILLES, HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Cargo at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

HOMEWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA:	FOR HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG:
S.S. ALESIA ... 29th May.	S.S. C. FERD. LAEISZ ... 12th May.
S.S. SEGOVIA ... 6th June.	FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP:
S.S. SILEZIA ... 20th June.	S.S. ARCADIA ... 27th May.
S.S. FUERST BUELOW 27th June.	FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE and HAMBURG:
	S.S. SETHONIA ... 30th May.
	FOR HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG:
	S.S. SCANDIA ... 5th June.
	FOR MARSEILLES, HAMBURG and ANTWERP:
	S.S. ANDALUSIA ... 13th June.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong, 8th May, 1912.

Hongkong Office.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STRAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA.	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA.
EASTERN EMPIRE	On 31st May.	On 25th May.
ST. ALEANS	On 28th June.	On 22nd June.
		On 20th July.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried.

For further particulars apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., AGENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS

HIGHEST Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having Splendid Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.

FOR

SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW

AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STRAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAIFAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	TUESDAY, 14th May, at 11 a.m.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. J. W. Evans	FRIDAY, 17th May, at 11 a.m.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Pasmore	TUESDAY, 21st May, at 11 a.m.

For SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN" ... Capt. A. H. Stewart ... SUNDAY, 12th May, at 11 a.m.
Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
For Freight and Passage, apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAURA & Co.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1912.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE TRANS-PACIFIC MAIL LINES.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Operating the THREE TRIPLE SCREW TURBINE Steamers

CHIYO MARU, SHINYO MARU AND

TENYO MARU

Speed 21 KNOTS, Displacement 21,000 TONS.

and the TWIN SCREW S.S.

"NIPPON MARU"

INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.

Speed 18 KNOTS, Displacement 11,000 TONS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STRAMERS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
NIPPON MARU	A. G. Stevens	TUESDAY, 28th May, NOON.
TENYO MARU	E. Bent	TUESDAY, 4th June, at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	H. S. Smith	TUESDAY, 25th June, at Noon.
CHIYO MARU	W. W. Greene	TUESDAY, 25th July, at Noon.

THE S.S. "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, SHIMIDZU, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 28th May, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICA LINE.

(In Connection with the NATIONAL RAILWAYS OF MEXICO at MANZANILLO and the TEHUANTEPEC NATIONAL RAILWAY at SALINA CRUZ.)

The Only Regular Direct Service to MEXICAN, CHILIAN and PERUVIAN PORTS.

The Steamers—

BUYO MARU, HONGKONG MARU AND KIYO MARU

Fly between HONGKONG and CORONEL via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, ARICA, IQUIQUE and VALPARAISO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STRAMERS	TONS	DATE OF SAILING.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 7th June, Noon.
KIYO MARU	17,500	TUESDAY, 6th Aug., at Noon.
BUYO MARU	10,500	FRIDAY, 4th Oct., at Noon.

ALL STEAMERS are equipped with JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WIRELESS TELEGRAPH APPARATUS and POST OFFICES.

SPECIAL RATES:—To OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY, members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES, and to MISSIONARIES.

Through bookings to all important points and AROUND THE WORLD.

For Full Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

S. MORIMOTO, AGENT,

King's Building (Opposite Blake Pier).

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration).

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA with

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND PUGET SOUND RAILWAY

AND

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY

(The only direct train service, without transshipment, also shortest and fastest route, from the Pacific Coast to Chicago). Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

FOR	STRAMERS	TONS (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA.	"SEATTLE MARU"	6,182	THURSDAY, 16th May, at 1 p.m.
	"CHICAGO MARU"	6,182	THURSDAY, 13th June, at 1 p.m.
	"TACOMA MARU"	6,178	THURSDAY, 11th July, at 1 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA.	"MEXICO MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 28th May, at 1 p.m.
	"CANADA MARU"	6,064	TUESDAY, 25th June, at 1 p.m.
	"PANAMA MARU"	6,069	TUESDAY, 23rd July, at 1 p.m.

O. S. K. has made the following revision on 1st class passage to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland, and San Francisco:—

From Manila ... G. \$13,000

From Hongkong, Shanghai and Keelung ... G. \$11,000

From Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama ... G. \$9,500

1st class passage from Hongkong to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and San Francisco ... G. \$11,000

The Co's Newly Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for steerage Passengers, situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, P—sures and Perils. Special attention given toward Express connection.

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS & FORMOSA SERVICE

FOR	STRAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 12th May, at Noon.
ANPING VIA SWATOW, AMOY and TAKAO	"SOBU MARU"	THURSDAY, 16th May, at 10 a.m.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings

S. HIROL, MANAGER.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, AGENTS.

MAIL SERVICE TO AND FROM

TONKIN

in 58 hours.

S.S. "SI-KIANG" Capt. E. de Catalano.

(1st AND 2ND CLASSES) will leave Hongkong for

KWANG CHOW WANG AND HAIPHONG,

on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1912, at 9 a.m.

For Passages and Freight, apply to

P. THOMAS, N.M. Co's AGENT.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & WEST RIVER STEAMERS

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG

SATURDAY, 11th May, 1912.

8 a.m. "HEUNGSHAN."

10 p.m. "HONAM."

8 a.m. "HONAM."

4 p.m. "KINSHAN."

SUNDAY, 12th May, 1912.

10 p.m. "PATSHAN."

4 p.m. "HONAN."

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "SUI TAL" Tons 1651. S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

Sundays at 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 12th May.

The Company's Steamship

"SUI AN,"

Will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m.

Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday, leaving at 7.30 a.m., and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HOI-SANG," 457 tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 a.m.

Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD. AND THE

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CANTON-WUHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 588 tons, and S.S. "NANNING," 569 tons.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuhow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuhow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m.

Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamer "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior

Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

Hotel Mansions (First Floor), opposite the Blake Pier.

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SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. GOTHENBURG.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

DESTINATION	STRAMERS	TONS	DATE OF SAILING.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE and MOJI	"CEYLON"	9,000	On 24th May

For Freight and Further Particulars, apply to

ARTHUR NILSSON & CO.

YORK BUILDINGS, Top Floor.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMeward PASSENGER SEASON, 1912.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STRAHERS to COLOMBO		Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON		Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	MON, SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ORIENTAL ...	5284	May 11	MALWA	11000	June 8	June 14
DEVANHA ...	8000	May 25	CHINA	8000	June 22	June 28
DELTA	8000	June 8	MACEDONIA	10500	July 6	July 12
ARCADIA ...	7000	June 22	MOREA	11000	July 20	July 26
ASSAYE	7500	July 6	MARMORA ...	10000	Aug. 4	Aug. 10

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer from PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON:

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £106.14 RETURN.

2nd " £48.8 " £72.12

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON

CARRYING 1st AND 2nd SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STRAMERS	Leave	Leave	Due
	HONGKONG	HONGKONG	LONDON
	about	about	about
PALAWAN	May 15	June 29	
BORNEO	May 29	July 13	
SYRIA	June 12	July 27	
NORE	June 26	August 10	
SIMLA	July 10	August 24	

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES.

FARES TO LONDON:

1st SALOON £

